

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tao Chen et al.

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For: PICTURE CODING METHOD,
PICTURE DECODING METHOD,
PICTURE CODING APPARATUS,
PICTURE DECODING
APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM
THEREOF

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: 2621

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Costa Mesa, California 92626

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sirs:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following: